



# News Release

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**Anacortes doctor's license suspended; allegations include criminal domestic violence assault, abandoning patients**

*Charges say he closed his practice and left patients without access to their medical records*

**OLYMPIA** — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health have immediately suspended the license of Anacortes and Coupeville physician Donald Russell Johnson (MD 00038058) for allegations including patient abandonment and criminal assault.

Johnson can't practice medicine in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and request a hearing.

The charges say Johnson closed his medical offices without telling patients, and did not make arrangements for patients or other health care providers to have access to patient medical records and health care information. He did not respond to Medical Commission requests for information, and in September was charged with three counts of domestic-related assault. Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the agency [home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety by assuring the competency and quality of physicians and physician assistants. The commission establishes and monitors qualifications for licensure, and consistently enforces practice standards and professional conduct through discipline and continuing education.

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